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Summarizing budgetary issues in legislation
scheduled for the House floor

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SUSPENSION CALENDAR

1) ***Expressing the Sense of the House of Representatives Regarding the Man-Made Famine That Occurred in Ukraine in 1932-1933*** (H.Res. 356). 


This resolution has no budget implications.

2) ***Honoring the 25th Anniversary of Pope John Paul II's Ascension to the Papacy*** (H.Res. 400). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

3) ***California Missions Preservation Act*** (H.R. 1446). 


This bill authorizes \$10 million to be appropriated for grants to the California Missions Foundation. The funds are to restore and repair the California missions, and to preserve the artworks and artifacts associated with them. The bill neither increases direct spending – spending not subject to appropriations – nor reduces revenue.

4) ***To Repeal the Reservation of Mineral Rights Made by the United States When Certain Lands in Livingston Parish, Louisiana, Were Conveyed by Public Law 102-562*** (H.R. 542). 

Pursuant to a previous law, the Interior Department conveyed to private landowners 640 acres of Federal lands in Louisiana. This bill eliminates a provision in that law that reserved the mineral rights to those lands for the Federal Government. Normally, the Bureau of Land Management [BLM] collects royalties from sales of these minerals, resulting in offsetting receipts to the government, but not in significant amounts. By conveying the rights to these mineral resources, the bill could result in offsetting receipts foregone, but the amount would be negligible.

5) ***International Fisheries Reauthorization Act of 2003*** (H.R. 2048). 

This bill reauthorizes the Yukon River Salmon Act of 2000, which provides funding to restore and conserve stocks of Canadian-origin wild salmon in the Yukon River watershed. H.R. 2048 authorizes \$4 million a year between 2004 and 2008 in discretionary spending. This bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.

6) ***Edward O'Grady, Waverly Brown, Peter Paige Post Office Building Designation Act*** (S. 1591). 

This bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.

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PLEASE NOTE: This document addresses budgetary issues only. It should not be taken to address support or opposition on any other grounds. A green flag indicates no serious budgetary or budget compliance concerns. A yellow flag indicates moderate or potential problems. A red flag indicates serious problems. **Also note:** Floor schedules and legislative details are subject to change after publication.

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7) **Brigadier General (AUS-Ret.) John H. McLain Post Office Designation Act** (H.R. 3068). 
This bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.

8) **To Amend Title XXI of the Social Security Act to Make Technical Corrections
With Respect to the Definition of Qualifying State** (H.R. 3288).

This bill makes certain changes to the definition of a qualifying State under Title XXI of the Social Security Act. In determining a qualifying State, it changes the income eligibility standard for medical assistance under the State Children's Health Insurance Program [SCHIP], and in the case of a State that has a statewide waiver in effect for eligible income, it adjusts the applicable date of first implementation. The bill has not been estimated by the Congressional Budget Office, though preliminary analysis shows it may cause an insignificant cost in fiscal year 2004. The 5-year cost of the measure is uncertain.

LEGISLATION CONSIDERED UNDER A RULE

Bill: ***Making Continuing Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2004.***

Committee: Appropriations

Summary: Although no specific information is available at this time, this measure is expected to be mainly a procedural vehicle to expedite subsequent action by the Senate. Further action in the House would then be expected next week.

The continuing resolution currently in force (H.J.Res. 69) is scheduled to expire on 31 October 2003. Though continuing resolutions typically provide budget authority only for short periods of time, for scoring purposes, the Budget Committee assumes the funding will continue for a full year. Estimated in this way, H. J. Res 69 caused the overall allocation of budget authority to the Appropriations Committee to be exceeded by \$3.719 billion, and violated the Congressional Budget Act. But the measure was brought up under a unanimous consent agreement that waived all points of order.

Cost: No cost estimate was available at the time of publication. If this measure were to continue the resolution currently in force, however, its full-year cost would exceed the 302(b) suballocations of the Appropriations Committee by \$4.162 billion. The current continuing resolution provided a total of \$388.142 billion in budget authority.

Budget Act: If this measure simply extended the continuing resolution currently in force, it would violate section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act by causing the allocation of new budget authority to the Appropriations Committee to be exceeded.

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